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SWEET TATER FESTIVAL ENTERS 19TH YEAR

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CRANE HILL – At Smith Lake Park, on September 5-7, the 19th Annual Sweet Tater Festival will be held.

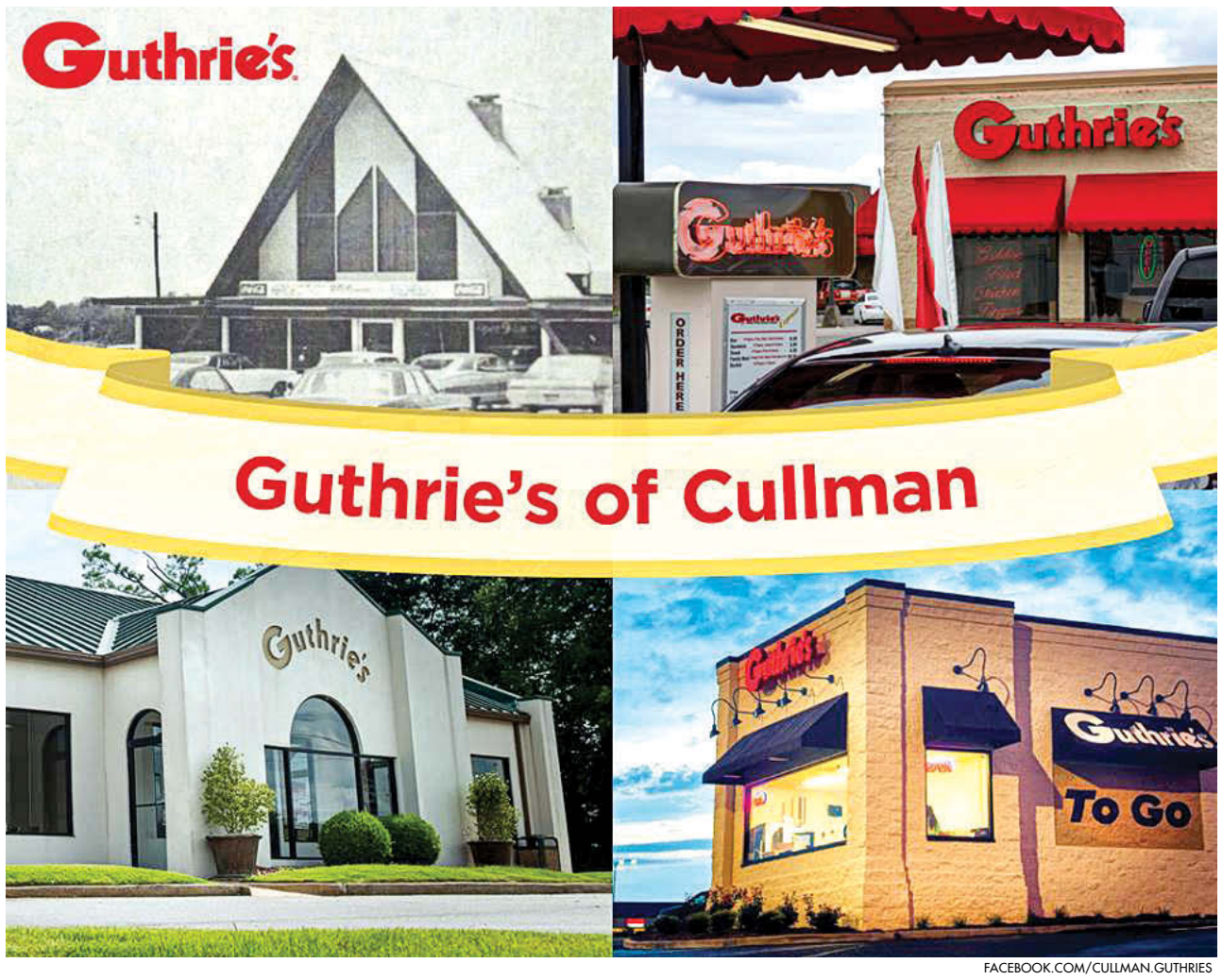
The festival will begin on Saturday, September 5 at 8 a.m. and last until 4 p.m. On Sunday the festival will last from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and will feature gospel singers.

On Monday the day will once again start at 8 a.m. and will conclude at 4 p.m.

The Sweet Tater Festival started as a fundraiser for the Dowle School in Craine Hill. The school burned down and funds were needed to build a new school.

According to Doug Davenport of Cullman Parks and Recreation, the people who started the festival handed it over to CP&R because they P7

GUTHRIE'S CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY



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For its 50th anniversary Guthrie's offered special food prices and held a variety of giveaways throughout the day.

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2015 BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY AUG. 7 THROUGH 9

ADOR
Contributor

MONTGOMERY – Alabama's 10th Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday will begin at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 7, and end at midnight on Sunday, Aug. 9.

"This is a perfect opportunity for parents to purchase needed school supplies and get a tax break at the same time," said State Revenue Commissioner Julie Magee.

"This is a win-win situation for parents, shoppers and retailers, because consumers will be buying non-exempt items as well."

Participation is required for all retailers, with local governments having the choice to participate or opt out of the holiday.

"Taxpayers, especially parents, will reap extra benefits if their city and county choose to participate, as they could be exempt from paying state, municipal and county taxes on their purchases," explained Magee.

The tax holiday covers clothes priced at less than $100, P10

CLUCK-N-BREW: A COMMUNITY TAILGATE

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CULLMAN – The third annual Cluck-N-Brew will be on Sept. 19 at Depot Park and the Festhalle near the Warehouse District.

The community gathering will once again feature local businesses cooking wings and competing between each other to find out who has the best in town; it might even be an insurance company or a car salesman.

The game-day tent is returning to this year's Cluck-N-Brew after being a big hit in previous years. According to Waid Harbison, Marketing and Programs Director for Cullman Parks and Recreation, the event has now been anchored around the tent.

"It's all centered around wings," said Harbison, "but [Cluck-N-Brew] happens right in the middle of SEC football season, so the game-day tent ends up being where everyone sort of hangs out."

Harbison said the live music that was once a part of the event has since been removed as to not detract from those enjoying the football. The event, he said, has become a community tailgate.

"The Game Day Tent will have every SEC game on that day during Cluck-N-Brew," Harbison said. The event will start at 3 p.m., following the annual Fair Parade at 2 p.m., and will conclude at 10 p.m.

Since the event is still far away on the horizon, a full schedule has not been set for this year's event, but several of the 21 competitors from last year are returning.

"Shirley Quattlebaum and State Farm are going to be in it, as well as Moe's BBQ P4



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This year's Cluck-N-Brew will occur on Sept. 19.

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WALMART HIRING AROUND 300 ASSOCIATES FOR NEW CULLMAN STORE

Bridget Schultz
Walmart

CULLMAN – Walmart will hire approximately 300 associates to work at the new Walmart slated to open this fall in Cullman. A temporary hiring center has opened at 3323 Alabama Hwy. 157, Suite C.

Applications will be accepted Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Interested applicants may also apply online at careers.walmart.com.

Walmart will offer a job to any eligible U.S. veteran honorably discharged from active duty since the Veterans Welcome Home Commitment launched on Memorial Day 2013.

Interested veterans may find out more at walmartcareerswithamission.com.

According to store manager Joey Childress the store will be hiring both full- and part-time associates.

"Walmart is a company with many opportunities for professional growth, and we are excited about finding wonderful new associates to join us," said Childress.

Walmart provides a benefits program to eligible full- and part-time associates.

For example, it provides a variety of affordable health and well-being benefits including health-care coverage with no lifetime maximum.

Walmart also offers eligible associates matching 401(k) contributions of up to 6 percent of pay, discounts on general merchandise, an Associate Stock Purchase Program and company-paid life insurance.

Additionally, eligible associates receive a quarterly incentive based on store performance.

The majority of new associates will begin work this fall to help prepare the store for its grand opening.



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WALMART

WALLACE STATE CONTINUING EDUCATION OFFERS INSTANT PIANO FOR HOPELESSLY BUSY PEOPLE

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Back by popular demand at Wallace State Community College's Continuing Education program will host a one-day workshop entitled "Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People." This 3-hour workshop will be Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the WSCC campus. The workshop is intended for ages 15 and up. To ensure a seat please register by 4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11. Seating is limited.

For those that yearn to experience the joy of playing piano, but don't want years of weekly lessons, this short course is for them. In just one enjoyable evening, participants can learn enough secrets of the trade to make piano playing a part of their life, learning chords, not notes. You'll learn all the chords needed to play any song, any style, in any key.

"Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People" instructor Mike McMillan teaches the chord approach to playing the piano, which is preferred by many adults. Instead of reading all the notes the traditional way, it teaches students to play by looking at the chord symbols used in the most popular music today. This is literally a musically correct but "shorthand" way of playing that produces instant success in playing popular songs with both hands, even with total beginners. A roomful of people can be taught with just one piano in the room. Each student has a dummy keyboard at his seat, and then takes home a 32-page book and 68-minute practice CD with which a technique can be perfected on the student's own piano and leisure.

The cost of the class is $60, payable to WSCC. The instructor will collect a mandatory $25 in class for a book and CD in class. Those that cannot read music notes, send a self-addressed stamped envelope for a free pamphlet to Music Masters, 120 Summer Ln, Covington, GA 30016.

For registration contact Mandi Perkins, James C. Bailey Center, Room 909; by phone at 256-352-7826; or by e-mail at mandi.perkins@wallacestate.edu.

For more information about Wallace State and all of its programs, visit wallacestate.edu or call 256-352-8000. Registration for Fall 2015 is underway through Aug. 19.

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Guthrie's (from Front)

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CULLMAN – The golden anniversary is a milestone that can only be reached by 50 years of dedication and resilience. After half a century in business, no one knows dedication and service better than Guthrie's.

On Friday, July 31, 2015, in celebration of its 50th anniversary, Guthrie's, the original golden fried chicken finger restaurant, gave away special food prices, prizes and giveaways throughout the day.

In appreciation of 50 years of customer loyalty, Guthrie's wanted to thank their guests by offering them an unbeatable deal. On July 31st only, customers were able to enjoy the "Guthrie's Anniversary Day Special" which was a Guthrie's box, large drink and extra sauce - all for $5 - tax included.

"We appreciate everybody coming in today," said Keith Lann, Owner of Cullman's Guthrie's.

"We are appreciative of the support we've had over the years and we wanted to do something to give back to the community. We want the people who haven't been here in a long time to come back and try us out. We get a lot of unsolicited compliments on how good our chicken is, so I'll put it up against anybody," he chuckled.

During the special anniversary celebration, one lucky customer from each Guthrie's location won free food for one year by receiving 260 free Guthrie's box coupons. It is the equivalent of five boxes per week, redeemable at the store location where they were won. Other prizes and giveaways included a free party catered by Guthrie's, free Guthrie's box coupons, T-shirts and more.

"We are blessed and honored to have served our customers for 50 years. We look forward to serving our faithful and new customers for many years to come," said Joe Kelly Guthrie, president of Guthrie's.

Hal Guthrie opened the first Guthrie's drive-in restaurant in Haleyville, AL back in 1965. Since then, Guthrie's has expanded across the United States with even more locations on the way.

The chicken fingers at Guthrie's are cooked to a golden brown and are arguably some of the best around.

Guthrie's is located at 704 2nd Ave NW, Cullman, AL 35055.

For more information, follow them on Facebook at facebook.com/Cullman. Guthries and visit their webpage at guthrieschicken.com.



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COUPONING CLASS TEACHES RESIDENTS HOW TO SAVE

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CULLMAN – Cherrelle Fancher's Extreme Couponing class at the Cullman Chamber of Commerce not only provided common sense tips, but also condensed hours of research and experience into two hours.

Fancher covered all things related to saving money; couponing, store apps, websites and ways to store food.

The workshop included learning how to be savvy when it comes to the way grocery, pharmacy and clothing stores work.

One way Fanchers' techniques are different than other couponing teachers is organizational method. Everything needed is available in a $20 binder.

"Everybody starts out feeling a little overwhelmed. As the class goes on it breaks down into recognizable segments; menu planning, apps and then shopping at the pharmacy. Then they get the feeling of 'I can totally do this,'" Fancher said.

"It's all about planning ahead and knowing your resources. Couponing is no good if you can't figure out what they match for sells or if you don't know what apps are actually worth having."

Fancher discussed grocery store tactics, and the anatomy and lingo of coupons.

She covered every money saving aspect of stores like Walmart, Kmart, CVS and Walgreens.

One of Fancher's main focuses is reading the fine print, she explained that where most people make their mistake is not reading all the details of the coupon.

"Know what kind of coupon you have," she said.

"You have to know your resources, you have to plan ahead. The big kits help you get everything together, they include the booklets that lay everything out step-by-step. The big kits are about organization and actually beginning to coupon. The small kits are just information for people who aren't sure what they are doing."

Fancher places all needed resources on her website fanchereducationservices.com/resources.



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Fancher's class focused on planning and understanding a coupon's fine print.

DON'T LET A SUMMER TRIP TURN INTO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THIEVES

Roszell Gadson
APR

MONTGOMERY – Whether planning one last trip to the beach or any other summer getaway, State Farm®, Alabama's largest home insurer, reminds homeowners that this is the peak season for home break-ins.

July and August are popular vacation months, and not surprisingly, they're also the months when home burglaries peak.

According to the FBI, in 2012, victims of burglary offenses suffered an estimated $4.7 billion in property losses; overall the national average dollar loss per burglary offense was $2,230.

"Learning that your home has been broken into is a terrible way to end your summer vacation," says State Farm spokesman Roszell Gadson.

"This is another reason why taking a home inventory of your belongings can be an important step in recovering from an unexpected event."

To fully enjoy your summer trip, plan appropriate home security and maintenance with State Farm's homeowner checklist.

Inside The House

• Set timers on interior lights: This goes a long way in deterring burglars, who often look for crimes of opportunity. Don't allow your house to appear as if no one is home.

• No status updates: Never broadcast your location on Facebook or Twitter. Even if you think that it's only your friends or colleagues viewing your online profiles, it's safest not to leave any sort of opening for a possible burglar.

• Alert alarm company: If you have an automatic security system in place, call your representative, announcing you'll be away from home for an extended period of time. Make sure the alarm is set properly when you leave.

• Secure valuables: If you don't already have your jewelry or other valuables in a safe deposit box, now might be the time to do so. Doing this also ensures that you don't leave out anything valuable in plain sight that a burglar might be able to see from a window.

• Lock all doors and windows: It might seem obvious, but double-check just to be sure.

Outside The House

• Arrange for lawn care: Have your landscaping tended to by a friendly neighbor or local service. Before leaving, trim tree branches that might allow access to a climbing burglar.

• Newspaper and mail: Stop mail and newspaper deliveries, or have them regularly picked up by a neighbor. Again, you don't want to easily clue in a burglar to your absence by the mounting newspapers on your doorstep.

• Exterior lighting: Set these lights on timers as well, to deter burglars.

• Don't leave spare keys outdoors: Collect any hidden spare keys from around the exterior of your home. Remember, burglars know the most popular hiding places, like beneath mats and in potted plants.

• Lock up garage: Even if there is no entrance to the house from the garage, there's still a chance for a variety of things to be stolen. Secure the door and any entrances to the garage.

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RELIGIOUS SPOTLIGHT: CORI LEWIS, PASTOR AT CULLMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST

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CULLMAN – Cullman is home to a variety of churches, and part of what makes each church unique is its congregation, especially its pastor. Pastor Cori Lewis, of Cullman Church of Christ, is young, and his heart is on fire for the love of God. He works diligently to bring others to God every day.

Lewis has been married to his wife Jennifer for seven years. They both grew up near Pensacola, Florida where they lived most of their lives. They have two children, 3-year-old Noah, and baby Ava. Lewis earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies and Masters degree in Ministry. He has preached at Cullman Church of Christ for the past two years and before that he served at a church in North Central Florida for five years.

"Although I grew up in a Christian home and have always loved God, I had no desire to pursue a career in ministry because of my fear of public speaking," he chuckled. "I was the kind of person whose voice would crack and I'd get all sweaty if I was asked to lead a prayer in front of a small group of people."

"But when I went off to college, I felt like God wanted me to do something with my life for His kingdom. I thought at first that I was going to follow in the expected path for my family and pursue a degree in business. But after doing some soul-searching, I soon figured out that running a business or making lots of money would not bring me true satisfaction," he straightened up in his chair.

"I faced my fears head-on and signed up for speech class immediately. I decided I would not say no to anything anyone had asked me to do in terms of leadership opportunities, and it wasn't long before I felt a very strong calling to devote my life to congregational ministry and I was preaching at a local church," he smiled.

Though Lewis may be young, he has dedicated his life to serving the Lord and helping others find God. Preaching can be a tough, yet an extremely rewarding calling. Each pastor has their strengths and weaknesses. Lewis is no different.

"I think my greatest challenge in ministry, and for many preachers, is resisting the temptation to become a people pleaser," he explained.

"Everyone has their own interpretation of the Bible and their own perception of what they think a preacher should be like. But if I am going to be the man that God has called me to be, I have to resist the temptation to 'fit the mold' that people want me to fit into."

"At the end of the day," he continued, "I may not preach the sermon that everyone wants to hear or live up to everyone's individual expectations of me. But what really matters is whether or not I please God. He is the one that I am truly working for."



CORI LEWIS

From struggling to speak in front of crowds to proclaiming the word of God, Cori Lewis enjoys preaching at Cullman Church of Christ.

"I was the kind of person whose voice would crack and I'd get all sweaty if I was asked to lead a prayer in front of a small group of people."

Cori Lewis, Pastor at Cullman Church of Christ

Even though he and his wife are originally from Florida, they have happily made Cullman their home. Lewis loves his church and has been a great fit for its members.

"The Church of Christ movement has always been about unity. We're not perfect at it, but ultimately that is our goal," he explained. "We live in a world today where there are so many religious movements that focus on how they are different from or better than other religious groups. In contrast to this, what we really want is for all people to unite at the cross of Christ and let His teaching be the only thing that we strive to promote."

"Cullman Church of Christ is a diverse group of people," he smiled warmly.

"The diversity of our membership is seen in our ages, our economic make-up, as well as our religious backgrounds. But none of these differences are as important as the core belief that unites us all; that Jesus is Lord. If you believe this, there is a place for you at our church."

Lewis welcomes visitors and will gladly talk to anyone who may be searching for the Lord.

Cullman Church of Christ is located at 4345 Al Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058. For more information call 256-734-2172 or e-mail churchoffice@cullmanchurchofchrist.org. Visit their website at cullmanchurchofchrist.org and like them on Facebook at facebook.com/cullmanchurchofchrist.

Cluck-N-Brew (from Front)

again," he said.

There is a $5 fee for admission to the event, and each wing costs $1. Entering any wing-eating competition is free once admission has been paid.

"The businesses make the wings and [CP&R] purchases them and sells them. This is actually our biggest fundraiser of the year," he said.

CP&R is currently pouring all fundraising efforts into completing a community park near Ingle Park and the Field of Miracles. The park will feature playground equipment for everyone, including equipment for special-needs children.

Harbison said the idea for this event came from other cities.

"We saw other places doing an event similar to this. We traveled to Hilton Head, South Carolina, and attended their event. We took good notes and tried to replicate what they had going on," he said.

In the interim between last year's event and this year's, those in charge began to transition it from the name 'Cluck-N-Brew' to 'Wing Street.'

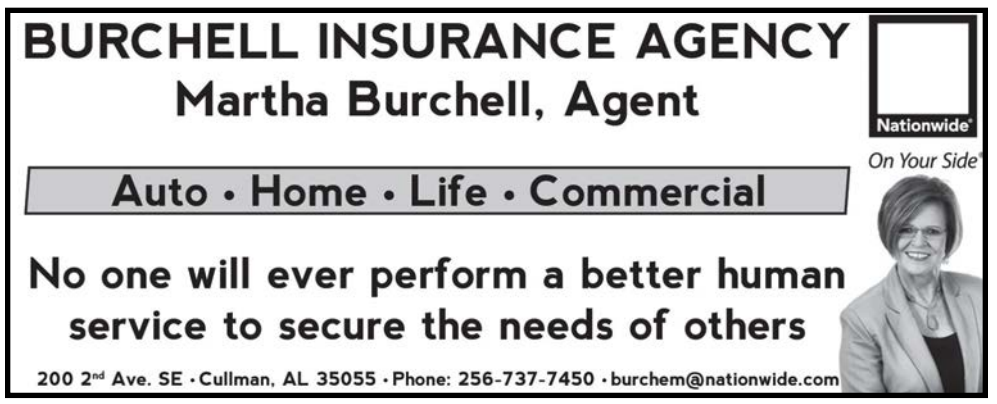
Harbison said they realized that 'Cluck-N-Brew' was already in the community's vocabulary and that changing the name would bring unnecessary confusion about the event.

"We decided to go with the more unique name of 'Cluck-N-Brew' because we want our event to be different from all the others around," he said,

With its memorable name, game-day tent, and abundance of wings, the Cluck-N-Brew is becoming a staple for many Cullmanites.







MEET MARIE LOUISE BETZ, CULLMAN'S FIRST NATIVE BORN CITIZEN

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CULLMAN – Cullman's humble beginnings started with just five families, one of them being the Betz family. Frederick and Catherine (Keck) Betz and two children came from Cincinnati in April 1873 and settled down in the area.

Shortly thereafter, the town of Cullman was founded and three months after that, their third child was born. It was a little girl and they named her Marie Louise Betz. It was then that the tiny baby became forever known as Cullman's first native born child.

"Memories of the early days in Cullman are very dear to me," said Betz.

"Things I don't remember have been told so often to me that I almost feel like I do remember them. In February 1873 my father, along with the other men, came down from Cincinnati. They left their families until there was shelter. When they arrived everyone worked together clearing a block of ground (from where the railroad tracks are to the block opposite the present post office – as of 1959). Each man built a small one room house, and then sent for his family. Later, of course, with the help of their wives, more logs were sawed and more rooms added. Since our log house was the largest (it had four rooms) in the colony, the railroad men, Col. Cullmann and others put up there."

At the time, Frederick was Cullman's first mayor and out of necessity, he served as the mid-wife during the birth of the baby.

Not long after her birth, the child was swooped up and held with pride in the strong, comforting arms of Colonel Cullmann, the town's founder who then became her sweet and loving godfather.

"My parents had two children, Callestine and Freddy when they came to Cullman and three months later I was born in their log house. There were no doctors nor nurses to be had so my father said that he was the midwife and was very proud of me," she smiled and continued.

The baptism was completed by Rev. Schmalze, a traveling Lutheran preacher who rode through the colony on horseback from time to time. As Betz got older, it is said that one of her most prized possessions was the baptismal certificate that the family had been given that special day.

"Father went to Cincinnati and bought machinery for a furniture factory which he and three other men established in Cullman. He had been foreman at Mitchell's Furniture Factory on Front Street in Cincinnati..... Well do I remember one night eight years after we had arrived in Cullman, Father was in Cincinnati on business and the rest of us were attending vaudeville at Armbrusters when our home burned down. We then went back to Ohio for eight years then returned to Cullman and bought Preacher Koenig's home on Quality Hill."

She said that in addition to being Cullman's first mayor, my father was also the tax collector, tax assessor and coroner. He organized the first Masonic lodge in Cullman.

"In those early days everybody worked together. There was plenty of deer and wild turkey; vegetable seeds were guarded carefully and divided so that every family would have vegetables enough. Those were happy days, indeed!" she mused happily.

Marie Louise Betz was born on July 20, 1873 in Cullman. She married Oliver Herman deLamorton on October 26, 1892. The two divorced on March 9, 1899. She later married George Lovell in 1908 in Tampa, Florida, and divorced him two years later in 1910 while living in Birmingham. Her third marriage was to Leonard Anson Johnson in 1917 in Tampa, Florida. He was born on January 4, 1849 in Ohio. He died on September 20, 1937 in Tampa. Betz died on July 2, 1962 in Tampa, Florida and is buried with her family in the Betz plot at the Cullman City Cemetery.

SIGNS OF TIMES: HOLLY POND CEMETERY

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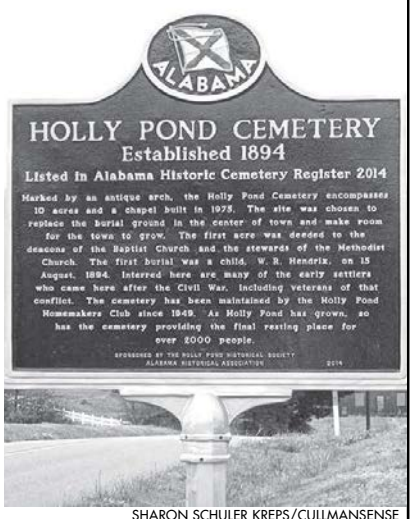
***Signs of the Times* highlights Cullman's wealth of historic markers.**

HOLLY POND – The Holly Pond Cemetery is located one-half mile northwest of Holly Pond High School on County Road 1669 in the town of Holly Pond. On April 19, 2015 the Holly Pond Historical Society unveiled this beautiful Holly Pond Cemetery historical marker near the main entrance.

Holly Pond Cemetery
Established 1894
Listed in Alabama Historic Cemetery Register 2014

Marked by an antique arch, the Holly Pond Cemetery encompasses 10 acres and a chapel built in 1975. The site was chosen to replace the burial ground in the center of town and make room for the town to grow. The first acre was deeded to the deacons of the Baptist Church and the stewards of the Methodist Church. The first burial was a child, W.R. Hendrix, on 15 August 1894. Interred here are many of the early settlers who came here after the Civil War, including veterans of that conflict. The cemetery has been maintained by the Holly Pond Homemakers Club since 1949. As Holly Pond has grown, so has the cemetery providing the final resting place for over 1000 people.

Sponsored by the Holly Pond Historical Society
Alabama Historical Association



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One of Cullman County's newest Historical Markers, Holly Pond Cemetery.

MIRRORING HISTORY: WALKER'S CORNER USA

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BERLIN – Next door to the Berlin Quick Stop, Walker's Corner U.S.A. has supplied Cullman County with hardware and plumbing supplies for many years. W. I. "Lidy" Walker started the business and later sold it to two of his sons, Frank and George Walker.

The Walker brothers continue to run the family business to this day. Walker's Corner USA is located at 3609 US Hwy 278, Cullman, AL 35058.



GREG BURDEN

Walker's Corner U.S.A. was started by W. I. "Lidy" Walker.



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMANSENSE

Walker's Corner U.S.A. has changed its looks over the years, but still maintains a hometown, family-feel, to it.

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WHAT'S ON DECK AT PARKS AND REC....

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- **EvaBank Midnight Run:** Come join us for the 23rd Annual Midnight Run on Friday, August 14, 2015 at 11:59pm at the Cullman Civic Center! This year's race will feature black lights, neon color powder, and a glow party before and after the race. More serious runners will also have the opportunity to by-pass the color stations on the course, and the race will be timed with overall winners receiving $250 as well as medals to the top 3 in every age division. Registration is open now at the Cullman Civic Center, Active.com, and any EvaBank location. Cost is $25.
- **Friday Night at Festhalle:** CP&R will host its last Friday Night at Festhalle on Friday, August 7, 2015 from 4-9pm. Live bands will be playing in addition to the farmer's market staying open during the entire event. Free kids' games and inflatables will also be on site.
- **Dive-in Movie:** The Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center will be playing a movie by the pool on Thursday, August 6 at 8:30pm The Pirates! Band of Misfits will play with gates opening at 6pm for $5 day passes (members will get in for free).
- **Basket Making Class:** CP&R's new art program will hold a basket making class on August 1 at the Cullman Civic Center at 12pm. Cost is $35 which includes the materials and instruction. Pre-registration is open through July 31 at the Civic Center. Must register before the class.
- **Just Play:** CP&R's FREE Just Play Program will continue this Friday, July 17 from 1-3pm at City Park on Main Ave. The program features free fun, games, and activities for children ages 5-12. Check out our website for more details.
- **Fall Youth Baseball Registration:** August 1—20 at the Cullman Civic Center; age groups will be 7-8 and 9-12. Cost is $400 per team or $90 for individual people to register.
- **Fall Men's League Softball Registration** is open now at the Heritage Park. Cost is $400 per team. Call 256-739-9931 for more information.
- **Fall Coed League Softball Registration** is now open at Heritage Park. Cost is $400 per team. Call 256-739-9931 for more information.
- **Mayberry Days Sr. Spirit Trip** will take place Sept. 24-29 to Pigeon Forge, TN . Payment must be received by August 1. Call 256-734-4803





Outside flowers can stay lovely all summer long if given enough water throughout the week.

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GROW BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS AND HEALTHY PLANTS EVEN IN THE SOUTHERN HEAT

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CULLMAN – The summertime heat can be unbearable, especially here in the Deep South. During this time of the year, many people suffer heat related ailments which can normally be avoided by taking the proper precautions, such as keeping hydrated.

The same is true in keeping gardens alive and flowers beautiful. But just how much water is needed to keep plants in bloom? Master Gardeners, Teresa Goodwin and Mary Reid, have some advice on the subject.

"The most important thing to do is to make sure your plants are well irrigated during the hot summer days," Goodwin said.

"Watering your plants at the roots between the daytime hours of 5 and 9 a.m. is best. Never over fertilize, as this will stress a plant already being stressed from the hot temperatures."

Knowing the time to water is important but knowing just how much to add can be just a crucial to the plants survival.

Reid agrees it's best to water early in the day, however, she's a bit more adverntorous and prefers to water in the afternoon hours.

"What I would do is water at least once a week really deep," explained Reid. "In other words, let the sprinkler run 3 to 4 hours once a week, preferably early morning before the sun starts beating down. I personally prefer watering later in the day. If you don't water deep, the roots grow near the top of the soil, which dries out fast so you have to water often. If you use a sprinkler while the sun is beating down, you will scald the leaves of your plants."

"To conserve water, use a soaker hose around the bottom of your plants," she continued.

"That way the water is going only onto the plants and not being evaporated into the air. You can do this any time during the day because it is not getting onto the leaves of the plants. Any potted plants that are in the sun are especially vulnerable to the heat. They would need to be watered more often," she smiled.



This advice from Cullman's Master Gardeners will help keep plants alive and healthy during this time of year even for those who don't have a green thumb.



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AUGUST TO BE A BUSY MONTH FOR THE SHRINE'S LOURDES GROTTO

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The Lourdes Grotto at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament is a replica of the Grotto in Lourdes, France.

HANCEVILLE – The month of August will be a little busy at the Lourdes Grotto, located at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville. Wednesday, August 5th marks the Feast of Our Lady of Snows and a healing Mass at will be held at 12 noon.

"A crowd of over 300 turned out for a healing service and candlelight procession at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament's Lourdes Grotto on Saturday, June 27th, the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help," said Jennifer Prybyla, Assistant Director of Pilgrimages. "Fr. Joseph M. Wolfe, of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word, presided over the service and procession, along with some visiting priests who were making a retreat at the Shrine.sa"

Prybyla said Relics of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos were present and each person attending received an individual blessing with these relics.

"This beautiful event saw attendees from around Cullman County, both the Dioceses of Birmingham and Mobile, parts of Louisiana, Tennessee, Florida and beyond," she said. "This was the third of a series of healing Masses, evening healing services and candlelight processions this year at the Shrine in Hanceville."

On Saturday, August 15th will be the Feast of the Assumption an Eucharistic healing service and candlelight procession will be held at 7 p.m.

All faiths are welcome to attend. The Grotto is handicap accessible and wheelchairs are available. Join them as they honor our Blessed Mother and ask her intercession for the healing of our bodies and souls.

The Lourdes Grotto at the Shrine is a replica of the original, miraculous Grotto in Lourdes, France that was dedicated at the Shrine in 2008 on the 150th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette.

A piece of the stone from the original Grotto in France mounted in the Shrine Grotto for the veneration of the faithful.

Also, just like the original Grotto in Lourdes, France, this Grotto rests alongside a river, which creates a peaceful and prayerful oasis.

"Bishop Robert Baker has been extremely encouraging and instrumental in helping this Grotto to be a place which has enriched the spiritual lives of those in his Diocese and all who visit the Shrine," Prybyla continued.

"Each year he leads the Diocese's annual October Rosary for Life and Vocations at the Grotto. Also, His Excellency was instrumental in getting a plenary indulgence attached to the Hanceville Grotto, which is granted to the faithful who make a pilgrimage there by fulfilling the usual norms and conditions."

In 2013, said Prybyla, Bishop Baker hosted the Bishop of Lourdes, France, The Most Rev. Nicholas Brouwet. Both visited the Shrine's Grotto and were able to pray at this replica, which impressed Bishop Brouwet greatly.

For more information about the Shrine or the upcoming events at the Grotto, call 205-795-5717 or visit olamshrine.com.

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Festival (from Front)

were running out of room and they weren't raising enough money.

"The festival was getting too big for them," Davenport said.

"Everything was crowded and it was like a maze going there. And they realized they weren't going to be able to rebuild the school, the Dowle school, so they handed the event over to [CP&R]."

Since taking over the festival, CP&R has turned the annual event into the official Labor Day celebration for Cullman County.

"When the other people were holding the event there was a Labor Day Celebration at Smith Lake Park. When we got the event, we stopped doing the Labor Day Celebration and combined it with the Sweet Tater Festival," Davenport said.

The event has grown in size and in duration.

Originally it was only held on a Sunday, but it has now expanded to both the Saturday before and the Monday after.

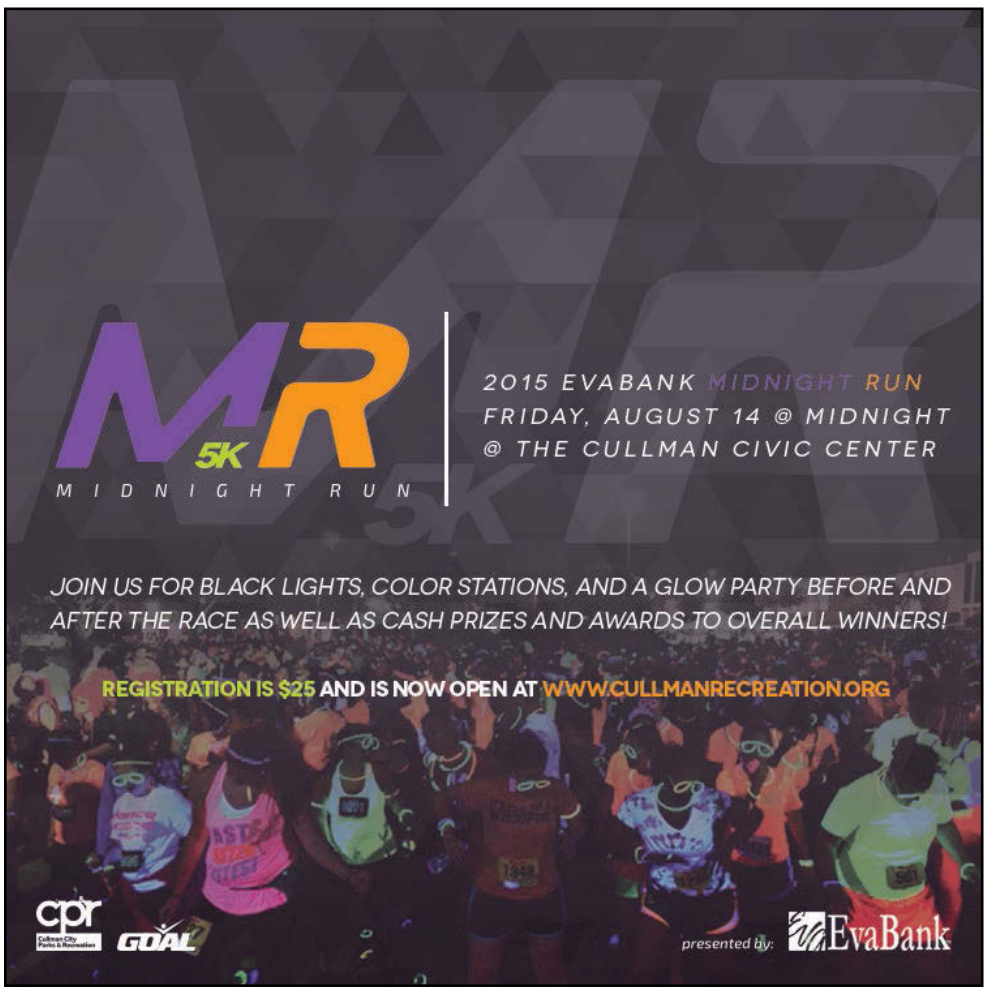
The event has vendors from as far away as Birmingham, and annual visitors from Mississippi.

"It's a bit like the Bloomin' Festival," Davenport said. "It's not near as big as that, but it's similar."

Because of the new space at Smith Lake Park, the Sweet Tater Festival has added attractions for children along with a car show, which will have its third showing this year.

Entering the festival costs $3 and participating in the car show costs $10.





Monday

Cullman Kiwanis Club
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Overeaters Anonymous Gather at Grace Episcopal
Members of Overeaters Anonymous meet every Monday, at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in the Carriage House located on Church premises. Further information is available at 256-747-6218 or 256-352-1143. Everyone is invited to attend these gatherings.

Cornerstone Revival Ladies Prayer Meeting
A Ladies Prayer meeting is conducted each Monday night at 7 p.m. at Cornerstone Revival Center. For additional information call 256-796-2899. All interested women are invited to attend.

Tuesday

Fall Gardening and Cover Crops Class
A Fall Gardening and Cover Crops Class will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the Agriplex Heritage Center. Extension Specialist Mike Reeves (from Reeves Orchards in Hartselle) and Extension Agent Tony Glover will teach theclass. They will cover which crops to plant now for a fall and winter garden. They will also talk about which plants to grow as cover crops in gardens- both small raised beds to large garden plots. Cover crops fertilize your garden naturally, keep weeds away, and promote healthy soil. The class costs $5 per person. To register call 256-297-1044. Door prizes and cover crops seeds will be given out.

Cullman Caring for Kids in Need of Donations
If you are able to contribute to Cullman County's Community Food Band, the 'Caring for Kids' organization, they would be grateful. Non-perishable food items are needed, and of course cash enables them to purchase needed products to fill their empty shelves. Please call 256-739-1111 to see how to help or mail checks or money orders to Cullman Caring for Kids, P. O. Box 698, Cullman, Alabama 35056-0698. Thanks in advance for anything you can do.

Knifty Knitters Weekly Meeting
Members of the Cullman Knifty Knitters group meet each Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Cullman County Library. Everyone is invited to come learn how to knit yarn and needles are free. This group is open to all ages, both accomplished knitters and those wishing to learn the art form. Crocheters also are invited to take part in these weekly meetings. Please call Lesia for more info 256-734-2720, ext. 23.

Emotions Anonymous Support Group Meeting
An Emotions Anonymous Support Group meets each Tuesday at noon at Grace Episcopal Church Carriage House. Those interested are invited to attend these group sessions. Further information is available through the Group Director's office at 256-734-3605 or 256-796-8440.

Wednesday

St. Monica's Group
St. Monica's Group for those addicted to alcohol or drugs meets every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Rectory Basement of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. All are welcome to attend who feel the need. For further information please contact Brian at 256-595-0515 or Rita at 256-507-0358.

Church Group Wednesday Nights at CWAC
Youth groups, Sunday School Classes and other Church groups are invited to take part in 'Church Group Nights at Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center every Wednesday night from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. Please call 256-775-SWIM (7946).

Latter Day Saints Genealogy Library
The Genealogy Library at the Latter Day Saints (L.D.S.) Church is open to the public each Wednesday night from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Don Jones is available to open the Library at other times, if needed, so please contact him at 256-784-5098.

Girls & Boys Club at Spirit Life
Spirit Life Church will host a Girls & Boys Club meeting for those 12 and under every Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. at the church. All are welcome. Please call the church for further info 256-739-3326.

Thursday

New Vision Support Group
There is a New Vision Support Group which will meet at 10 a.m. and everyone interested in this subject is welcome to attend. The program is at Hilltop Community Center. Additional information is available by calling Linda Estes, 256-739-4653.

'Celebrate Recovery' at Hanceville First Baptist Church
There will be a 'Celebrate Recovery' meeting tonight starting at 7 p.m. at Hanceville First Baptist Church. Childcare will be available. Additional info Church office at 256-352-9150. Open to all!

Ageless Grace Fitness Class
Come join in the Ageless Grace Fitness Class held each Thursday evening starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center. Leader Ann Caretti will show attendees the latest fitness tips available. The event is sponsored by Cullman Park and Recreation Department. Call 256-734-9157 for more information.

Thursday Afternoon Overeaters Anonymous Meeting
Those interested are invited to attend the weekly Thursday afternoon meetings of Overeaters Anonymous which begin at 4:45 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church's Carriage House. For additional information please call 734-376-2124 or 256-352-1143.

Friday

'Wii Bowling' at the Donald E. Green Senior Center
The entertainment for senior citizens is 'Wii Bowling' at the Donald E. Green Senior Center starting at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited. Come enjoy some exercise (but not too physical!) and fellowship with friends. They bowl every Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 1 p.m.

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild of Cullman
Members of the Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild of Cullman will gather at the Colonel Cullman Museum starting at 9:30 a.m. All interested quilters are invited to attend this meeting.

Saturday

Laughter Yoga at the Cullman Civic Center
Everyone is invited to take part in 'Laughter Yoga' classes each Saturday morning starting at 10 a.m. Donations accepted but no set fee is charged. Come start your weekend out with some great 'laughs'! Please call 256-734-9157 for additional information.

Next Monday

Bosom Buddies Support Group
The Bosom Buddies Support Group offers support to individuals affected by breast cancer. The group will hold its next meeting on Monday, March 16th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Cullman Regional Medical Center's Ave Maria Room in the Community Education Center located in Professional Office Building 2 (1890 AL Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058).

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- Happy Hour at Moe's from 3-7 p.m.
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- Ladies' Night at Cadillac Ron's from 5-8 p.m.

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- Happy Hour at Moe's from 3-7 p.m.
- Karaoke Night at Cadillac Ron's at 7 p.m.

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIPS TO KEEP KIDS HEALTHY AND SAFE

(StatePoint) Back-to-school prep means more than a trip to the office supply store. Help kids stay strong, healthy and safe this school year by putting wellness front and center.

"Thinking about back-to-school now can help parents keep kids on track for a healthy summer and start to school," says Dr. Sandra Hassink, MD, FAAP, President of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

With that in mind, Hassink recommends taking the following steps.

Ease into the School Schedule

Ease the back-to-school transition by keeping bedtime and meals scheduled during the summer and adjusting timing as school approaches.

If one's child has been going to bed later than usual, begin adjusting his or her bedtime earlier toward the end of summer. Depending on age, children and teens need between 8.5 to 9.5 hours of sleep nightly.

For young children, arranging to see their new classroom and meet their new teacher before school starts can calm first day jitters. Go over the school schedule with the child, including how she will get to school and what the plans are for after school time.

Schedule a Pediatric Visit

The back-to-school season is a good time for scheduling a pediatric exam. Create a list of items to discuss with the child's pediatrician. This list should include ensuring the child is up-to-date on vaccinations, a crucial part of preventive care.

It's a good idea to build a medical home with a pediatrician by sticking with one doctor or medical practice throughout childhood and adolescence. The doctor will be better informed of the child's medical history and aware of any emerging problems.

Beyond medical testing, pediatricians are well-equipped to counsel patients and parents on emotional and social issues, as well as issues that often crop up during adolescence, such as smoking, drugs, drinking, sexual activity and depression.

"Parents can ask a pediatrician about anything related to the care of their child or teen, medical or not," says Dr. Hassink. "The visit can be a good way to bring up these issues."

Consider Sports

Sports can foster confidence, cooperation and healthy habits, and the start of the school year brings many opportunities to join various programs.

Hydration, nutrition and proper conditioning are important for any sport, especially those with intense training in warm weather. Schedule a sports physical with a pediatrician to discuss the child's overall health and how to prevent injuries.

Talk Safety

If the child will be walking to school, travel the route with him to assess its safety. Find out about traffic patterns and crossing guards.

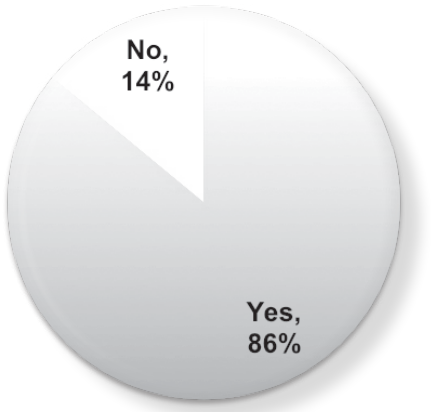
Teach the child safety rules like looking both ways. If possible, have the child commute with an older sibling or neighbor. If the child will be riding a bike or skateboard, be sure he wears a helmet.

Review basic rules for safer riding. Bus riders should also be mindful of safety rules, like remaining in one's seat and listening to the driver.

More back-to-school tips can be found at healthychildren.org. Parents can take steps to help ensure their children are prepared for a happy, healthy school year.

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SMALL CHANGES ADD UP AT THE SUPERMARKET

(StatePoint) From price to quantity to flavor, consumers have always considered how products affect their families when deciding what goes in the shopping cart. And shoppers these days are making purchasing decisions that take global factors into consideration too, thanks to available information about companies' environmental and human rights track records.

Indeed, a new "2015 Carting Away the Oceans" report by Greenpeace evaluates and ranks supermarkets on their efforts to protect oceans and seafood industry workers.

It found that while some major grocery chains have made strides to source certain seafood products from environmentally-sustainable suppliers that treat workers fairly, much more needs to be done to address systemic problems in the industry.

"Investigations continue to reveal that human rights abuses are widespread problems in the global seafood industry. Top retailers are in a position to be doing much more to protect both the oceans and the workers that provide seafood," says Greenpeace senior oceans campaigner David Pinsky.

Pinsky notes that consumers also have a lot of power to affect change when it comes to seafood sustainability and human rights concerns. They should be sure to read labels and ask questions.

Whether shopping at a mom and pop operation or a national chain, consumers can talk to their grocer about the products they carry and let them know what should be on the shelf.

If a grocery store doesn't change their offerings, consumers can shop somewhere else.

"Your tuna sandwich may not currently represent anything to you beyond lunch, but if you don't investigate where it actually came from, there is a large chance it was brought to your plate in ways that treated workers poorly and compromised the health of our oceans," says Pinsky.

"In addition to having ocean safe canned tuna on store shelves, supermarkets must put canned tuna policies in place to help guide sustainable, socially responsible practices."

In this year's report, 80 percent of retailers received passing scores overall, however all of the 25 retailers profiled have failed on their efforts to address human rights abuses and illegal operations in the seafood industry.

To view the entire ranking and read the report, visit seafood.greenpeaceusa.org.

These days, eating "guilt-free" means something different to some people, rather than just avoiding sweets and treats.

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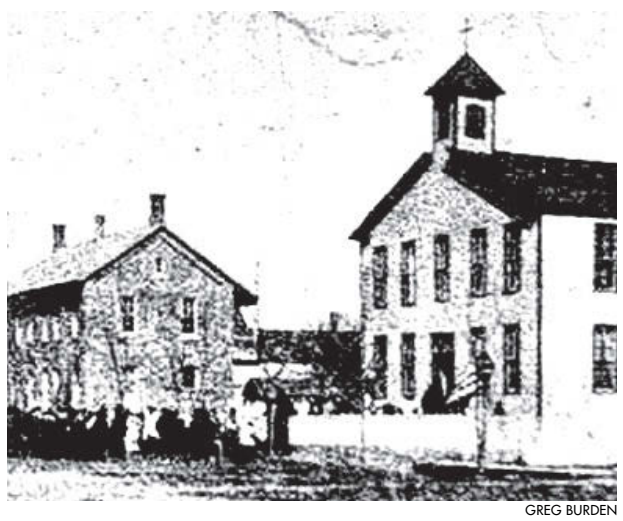
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LOCAL ARTIST DEBUTS INSTALLATION AT RED DOOR EMPORIUM CAFÉ

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CULLMAN – Saturday marked the opening of a new art installation at the Red Door Emporium Café by local artist Ben 'South' Johnson will be showed off some 300 aphorisms, turning the café into the One-Liner Diner.

The aphorisms lined the café's walls with short, witty southern sayings. The café will prepare a menu for the duration of the event that will reflect the theme of the installation.

The installation will run until September 30 and will also feature pieces from other notable southern celebrities, including the ever-quotable Mark Twain.

The One-Liner Diner is completing something Johnson has titled the Southern Humor Highway: a line connecting Hannibal, MO to New Orleans.

This line had a gap on it, however, thus necessitating a connector between the northern and southern portions of his Southern Humor Highway.

Johnson is a Cullman native, although his career has taken him all over the world. He was the first person to truly define what it means to be southern. This occurred through a study he was conducting on behalf of BellSouth (now a part of AT&T).

He has monetized his affinity for southern culture with the Southernness.com website. On the site, Johnson sales various items from clothing to books, all of which reflect what it means to be southern.

This art-installation is Johnson's attempt to redirect the focus of the national media on the south.

"The national media seems to focus on a lot of negative views of the American South," he said. "I want to remind people that Southerners bring great happiness to America and the world."

Johnson aims to "puncture pomposity" with his artwork.

"The writers and entertainers from Twain to DeGeneres on "The Southern Humor Highway" have given the gift of laughter to millions for many years. And, I want to add to that gift with my playful



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The Red Door Café is home to Ben 'South' Johnson's new art installation.

aphorisms of "The One-Liner Diner," he said.

As Jelani Cobb noted in a piece for the New Yorker earlier this month, "there is a Southern Historical Association but not a Northern one; a genre known as Southern literature but no Northern corollary; and a concept of Southern politics as something distinct from the national variety."

Johnson wants to highlight the exceptionalism with the south, and show why its characters are so colorful. The eccentricities of southern life reflected in printed quips will be a piece of work, just like all those who make the South a great place to live.

THE OVERTONES HAVE IT 'COVERED'

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CULLMAN – What began with a karaoke gig at Grumpy's Italian Grill for Katie Burney quickly became what is now known as the Overtones.

Burney, lead singer of the band, was set to perform at Grumpy's for a Valentine's Day event in 2013. The original plan was to perform by herself with just a karaoke machine. Three weeks before the event she decided having a band back her up would be more entertaining.

The Overtones were formed and spent the next three weeks learning roughly 30 songs.

"The crowd absolutely loved us and Tyler Jacobs, Manager of Grumpy's Down Under, immediately booked us for four more consecutive gigs," said the band in a statement.

Burney said each member of the band brings a different taste in music to the table. Guitarist, Brett Ellis, enjoys 80s hair metal while Burney prefers pop, rap and R&B. Bassist, Michael Fowlkes, enjoys independent singer/songwriters, while drummer, Adam McGee, appreciates Metal, progressive rock and jazz.

With so many genre interests it comes as no surprise that the band performs very diverse sets.

Burney said the band has been known to play everything from "Dark Horse" by Katy Perry, all the way to "Shut Up and Dance with Me" by Walk the Moon.

Listeners can expect to hear pop tunes, rock and sometimes even country at any given show. Burney said most are impressed with the full sound and thoroughness of every cover played by the band.

The band strives to entertain the entire crowd, not just a portion of it, and so plans their sets strategically to ensure everyone has a good time.

Burney said that, "each song goes through a three step process of elimination. First, 60% of the crowd must recognize the song. Secondly, the song must have catchy rhythm and lyrics. Lastly, the song must be something that audience members will be surprised to hear covered."

According to Burney, The Overtones intend to remain true to their cover band status.

"Writing original material has never come up as a topic for the band. This is part-time entertainment for us. We all have other jobs, families and duties to take care of. We fit best in what we currently do," she said.

The band's next show is August 14th at the Cullman 2nd Fridays event near Grumpy's Italian Grill. This show is free to the public. To learn more about the Overtones or to contact them for bookings, visit their Facebook page at facebook.com/overtonesband.

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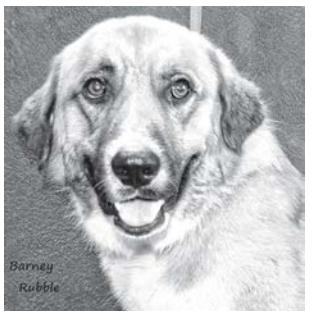
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CHARLIE BROWN



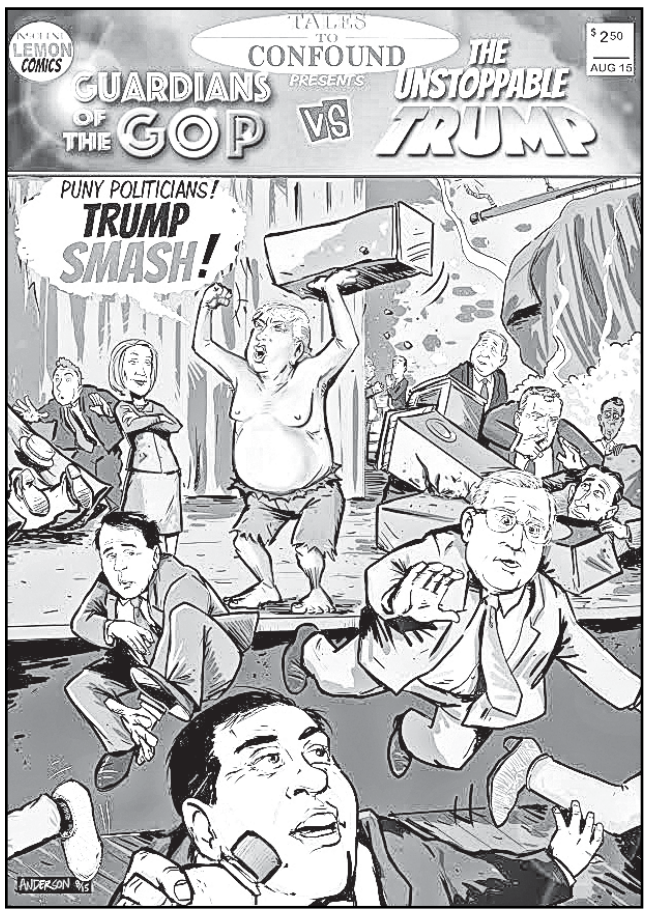
Hello my name is Charlie Brown and I am about 4 year old. I am a Labrador and I currently weigh 79 lbs. I am full of life and I love to play. My adoption fee is $90 and that covers my first set of vaccines and wormer at the Shelter. It covers my general exam at the Vet, the rabies vaccine, spay, microchip, free 45 day health insurance policy and our Pet Depot will give you a free bag of food (you pay the taxes) in support of adopting me.

ADOPT THESE PETS TODAY

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If you know the owner of either dog or if you are interested in adopting one of the dogs, please call 256-734-5448 or come by the Animal Shelter.

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OPINION

OPEN LETTER TO THE GUY CARRYING THE CONFEDERATE FLAG

David Soleil
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On a road trip to North Carolina, I saw many Confederate flags. Hundreds maybe. They were attached to pick-up trucks and motorcycles, on beach towels and bed comforters, on t-shirts and do-rags, and next to graves in cemeteries. What I saw were blatant symbols of racism on parade. I dismissed them all, except the one that you held.

You were marching by yourself on the corner near a gas station in Waynesville, North Carolina as you carried a large Confederate flag with the words "Heritage, Not Hate" written on it. You immediately struck me as different. You had the courage to stand on the corner, alone, waving a flag with the words "Not Hate" emblazoned on the front.

I've had a few conversations with passionate Confederate flag supporters. You think the massacre in Charleston was tragic. You think Dylann Roof was insane and he doesn't deserve to wave the Confederate flag, the flag of your heritage. You think that most Americans don't understand that brothers fought brothers in the Civil War and you know that some towns sent every man and boy off to war and no one came back home. You know the tragedy of the Civil War that runs deep in the South.

But now you see the Confederate flags coming down. You feel like your heritage is getting buried underneath a whole bunch of political correctness. You also want the government out of your business, especially when it tries to tell you what to do with your flag or any other part of your life. You think enough is enough.

Have I missed anything? These things came up regularly in my conversations with others. If I may ask, would you be willing to put down the flag for a minute so we can talk? The Confederate flag screams loudly in our culture and I want us to have a real conversation instead of a shouting match.

I teach leadership and nonviolence for a living. It is rare for me to find someone willing to stand alone on a street corner in their hometown for a cause. America needs your courage right now.

Your heritage will be well secured in American history books. It is already there. But right now, America isn't fighting for its history. America is fighting for its future. We are struggling for a future without hate and division. Right now, we need you to stand up to hate in your community. It is that same hate that murdered nine innocent African Americans in Charleston. It is that same hate that comes out when, in Douglasville, Georgia, trucks with Confederate flags show up at the birthday party of an African American child and intimidate his family with guns and death threats.

I know you dislike these unspeakable acts of violence. Are you willing to say enough is enough? Are you willing to march with a flag for peace? Do you have the courage to stand, not on a street corner, but square in the way of those who commit these acts of violence in your town? You know who they are. They are the ones who said they wouldn't march with you and your "Not Hate" flag. They are the ones who laughed at you. They are the ones who said you were crazy, even though they have three Confederate flags flying off the back of their truck.

One of the things nonviolence teaches us is that no one is beyond the reach of the human heart. We are all in this together. Christ spoke about this in his teachings, "love thy neighbor as thyself." This is the same love Martin Luther King talked about called agape (ah-GAH-peh) love; "the insistence on community, even when one seeks to break it."

I offer to you that nothing would be more courageous, nothing would be more honorable, and nothing would be more effective in ending the hate than you taking a stand in your community against it. Bring people together to make a plan of action. Imagine the heritage you will create today for future generations. In the peaceful world of your grandchildren, they will look back and proudly say it all started when you took a stand for peace and said "enough is enough.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Tell us what we're doing right and how we can do better.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HANCEVILLE
Planning Commission

Pursuant to the instructions of the Planning Commission of the City of Hanceville, notice is hereby given that the proposed ordinance set forth will be considered by the Planning Commission on Monday, August 24, 2015 for a recommendation of passage to the City Council of Hanceville. A public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 24, 2015, in the Hanceville City Hall Council Chambers, located at 112 Main Street SE, Hanceville, Alabama, 35077, regarding Proposed Ordinance No. 608.
All interested citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard for or against the passage of this Proposed Ordinance No. 608 during this public hearing.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 608
AN AMMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 510 INCLUDING THE ZONING MAP

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The public health, safety, morals and general welfare requiring it under authority granted by Article 4, Sections 11-52-70 through 11-52-79, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hanceville, Alabama Ordinance No. 510, adopted the 1st day of May, 2006, as amended, and more particularly the Hanceville, Alabama zoning map as a part thereof, is hereby amended, changed and modified as follows:

   (a) That the real estate being the property of Skinner Group LLC, located in the City of Hanceville, Cullman County, currently zoned as B-1 will be re-zoned to B-2, described as follows, to-wit:

Parcel II: Hanceville – unimproved

A tract or parcel of land being a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at a found railroad spike marking the Southeast Corner of said Quarter - Quarter, (from which point a found rebar marking the accepted Northeast corner of said Quarter-Quarter bears North 00 degrees 24 minutes 44 seconds West, 1313.09 feet) and run North 02 degrees 49 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 372.44 feet to a set rebar marking the West right-of-way line of Hopewell Road; thence run North 00 degrees 45 minutes 52 seconds West, and run along said West right-of-way line, a distance of 667.38 feet to a set rebar marking the point of beginning; thence run South 42 degrees 56 minutes 35 seconds West, a distance of 671.09 feet to a point on the Northeasterly right- of-way line of U.S. Highway No. 31; thence South 42 degrees 56 minutes 41 seconds East along said Northeasterly right-of-way of U.S. Highway 31 a chord bearing and distance of 308.62 feet to a point; thence North 47 degrees 09 minutes 04 seconds East, a distance of 230.00 feet to a point; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 08 seconds East a distance of 119.39 feet to a point on the Westerly right-of-way line of Hopewell Road; thence North 00 degrees 45 minutes 52 seconds West along said right-of-way line of Hopewell Road a distance of 525.15 feet to the point of beginning.

Less and Except: Garcia Tract
A tract or parcel of land being a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a found railroad spike marking the Southeast comer of said Quarter, and run North 00 degrees 24 minutes 44 seconds West along the East line thereof, a distance of 372.77 feet; thence run South 87 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds West, a distance of 15.71 feet to a set rebar marking the West right-of-way line of Hopewell Road; thence South 59 Degrees 50 minutes 51 seconds West, leaving said West right-of-way line, a distance of 230.16 feet to a found rebar on the Northeast right-of-way line of U.S. Highway #31, said point also being on a curve; thence Northwesterly along said right-of-way and along a curve to the left having a radius of 5803.56 feet, a chord bearing and distance of North 42 degrees 19 minutes 08 seconds West, 135.00 feet to a set rebar; thence North 42 degrees 56 minutes 41 seconds West, along said Northeast right-of-way line, a distance of 150.00 feet to a set rebar, the point of beginning; thence continue North 42 degrees 56 minutes 41 seconds West, along said Northeast right-of-way line, a distance of 118.62 feet to a set rebar; thence North 47 degrees 03 minutes 25 seconds East, leaving said Northeast right-of-way line, a distance of 145.00 feet to a set rebar; thence South 42 degrees 56 minutes 41 seconds East, a distance of 118.86 feet to a set rebar; thence South 47 degrees 09 minutes 04 seconds West, a distance of 145.00 feet to the point of beginning.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT – Dairy Queen
A tract or parcel of land containing 0.81 acre of land, more or less and being a part of theSoutheast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a found railroad spike marking the Southeast Corner of said Quarter and run North 00 degrees 24 minutes 44 seconds West along the East line thereof, a distance of 372.77 feet; thence run South 87 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds West, a distance of 15.71 feet to a set rebar marking the West right of way line of Hopewell Road; thence run North 00 degrees 45 minutes 52 seconds West, and run along said West right of way line, a distance of 142.23 feet to a set rebar; thence run South

89 degrees 14 minutes 08 seconds West, a distance of 111.85 feet to a set rebar and the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 08 seconds West, a distance of 7.54 feet to a set rebar; thence South 47 degrees 09 minutes 04 seconds West, a distance of 230.00 feet to a set rebar on the Northeast right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 31 (150' right of way) said point also being a curve; thence Northwesterly along said right of way and along a curve to the left having a radius of 5803.56 feet, a chord bearing and distance of North 42 degrees 56 minutes 41 seconds West, 150.00 feet to a set rebar; thence North 47 degrees 09 minutes 04 seconds East leaving said right of way a distance of 235.59 feet to a set rebar; thence South 42 degrees 56 minutes 35 seconds East, a distance of 155.05 feet to the point of beginning.

2. That this Ordinance has been published once each week for two (2) successive weeks, prior to passage, within the City of Hanceville, Alabama, and the publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim.

   That a public hearing has been held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 24th of August, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.at which time interested parties and citizens had opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

3. That all notices as required by law were given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing.

4. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance be and are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

5. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.

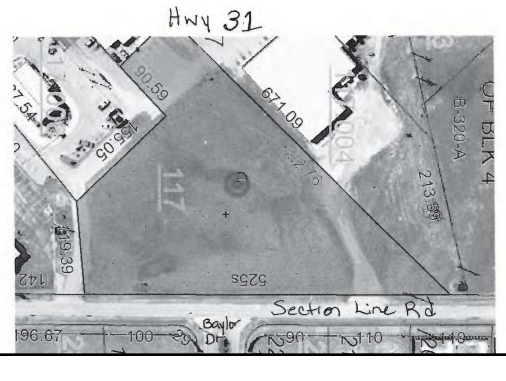
6. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the above described property is zoned B-2 and that appropriate action be taken to change and modify the City Zoning Map to so reflect the said land as zoned B-2.

7. This ordinance adopted ____ day of _____, _____ shall take effect after its publication as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

_____
Mayor Kenneth Nail

ATTEST:

_____
Tania C. Wilcox, City Clerk



NASA'S SPITZER CONFIRMS CLOSEST ROCKY EXOPLANET

NASA
Contributor

Using NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope, astronomers have confirmed the discovery of the nearest rocky planet outside our solar system, larger than Earth and a potential gold mine of science data.

Dubbed HD 219134b, this exoplanet, which orbits too close to its star to sustain life, is a mere 21 light-years away. While the planet itself can't be seen directly, even by telescopes, the star it orbits is visible to the naked eye in dark skies in the Cassiopeia constellation, near the North Star.

HD 219134b is also the closest exoplanet to Earth to be detected transiting, or crossing in front of, its star and, therefore, perfect for extensive research.

"Transiting exoplanets are worth their weight in gold because they can be extensively characterized," said Michael Werner, the project scientist for the Spitzer mission at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California. "This exoplanet will be one of the most studied for decades to come."

The planet, initially discovered using HARPS-North instrument on the Italian 3.6-meter Galileo National Telescope in the Canary Islands, is the subject of a study accepted for publication in the journal Astronomy & Astrophysics.

Study lead author Ati Motalebi of the Geneva Observatory in Switzerland said she believes the planet is the ideal target for NASA's James Webb Space Telescope in 2018. "Webb and future large, ground-based observatories are sure to point at it and examine it in detail," Motalebi said.

Only a small fraction of exoplanets can be detected transiting their stars due to their relative orientation to Earth. When the orientation is just right, the planet's orbit places it between its star and Earth, dimming the detectable light of its star. It's this dimming of the star that is actually captured by observatories such as Spitzer, and can reveal not only the size of the planet but also clues about its composition.

"Most of the known planets are hundreds of light-years away. This one is practically a next-door neighbor," said astronomer and study co-author Lars A. Buchhave of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Massachusetts. For reference, the closest known planet is GJ674b at 14.8 light-years away; its composition is unknown.

HD 219134b was first sighted by the HARPS-North instrument and a method called the radial velocity technique, in which a planet's mass and orbit can be measured by the tug it exerts on its host star. The planet was determined to have a mass 4.5 times that of Earth, and a speedy three-day orbit around its star.

Spitzer followed up on the finding, discovering the planet transits its star. Infrared measurements from Spitzer revealed the planet's size, about 1.6 times that of Earth. Combining the size and mass gives it a density of 3.5 ounces per cubic inch (six grams per cubic centimeter) -- confirming HD 219134b is a rocky planet.

Now that astronomers know HD 219134b transits its star, scientists will be scrambling to observe it from the ground and space. The goal is to tease chemical information out of the dimming starlight as the planet passes before it. If the planet has an atmosphere, chemicals in it can imprint patterns in the observed starlight. Rocky planets such as this one, with bigger-than-Earth proportions, belong to a growing class of planets termed super-Earths.

Further observations with HARPS-North also revealed three more planets in the same star system, farther than HD 219134b. Two are relatively small and not too far from the star. Small, tightly packed multi-planet systems are completely different from our own solar system, but, like super-Earths, are being found in increasing numbers.

For more about NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope, visit nasa.gov/spitzer.

COOKING IDEAS FOR PARENTS AND KIDS

(StatePoint) Food brings family together. And time spent in the kitchen is how cooking traditions and those secrets behind the best dishes get handed down from generation to generation.

Here are two delicious recipes for parents and kids to make together, shared by food and family experts, as part of the celebration for Pyrex, a World Kitchen brand's 100th anniversary.

Mom's Three Bean Salad

"Like my own kids, I loved helping my mom in the kitchen," writes food and parenting expert Monica Marino in a recent posting on her "Marino Bambinos" blog. "Along with the kiddos (a.k.a. expert bean rinsers) we made one of her delicious three bean salads."

Ingredients:

- 1 can garbanzo beans
- 1 can kidney beans
- 1 can cannellini beans
- 1/2 red onion
- 1 celery stalk
- 1 cup fresh parsley
- 1 tbsp rosemary
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 tsp black pepper

Optional ingredients: Green beans, garlic powder, onion powder, ground cayenne pepper, honey, or sugar.

Instructions:

- Rinse and drain beans.
- Chop the vegetables. Mix together in a large serving dish.
- Separately, mix olive oil, vinegar, salt, and pepper.
- Add dressing to the large bowl, toss and chill for several hours to soak up.

Maple Pecan French Toast

"Whenever my mom offered to make something special, the answer was always French toast casserole," writes Katie Meyers, on "Meyers Styles," her lifestyle blog. "When I heard Pyrex was commemorating its 100th anniversary, I couldn't resist raising my measuring cup with my daughter, and toasting a kitchen icon with this same treat." Meyers is sharing her French Toast Casserole recipe, which brings back special memories of baking with her mom.

Ingredients:

- 5 cups bread cubes
- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/4 cup white sugar, divided
- Pinch of salt
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp almond extract
- 1 tbsp butter, cut up
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon

Optional ingredients: Maple syrup, raspberries, or powdered sugar.

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly spray an 8×8 inch pan with cooking spray. Line bottom of pan with bread cubes.
- In a large bowl, beat together eggs, milk, 2 tablespoons sugar, salt, almond extract and vanilla.
- Stir in pecans. Pour egg mixture over bread. Dot bread mixture with butter and let sit for 10 minutes.
- Combine remaining 2 tablespoons sugar with 1 teaspoon cinnamon and sprinkle over the top.
- Bake about 35 to 45 minutes, until top is golden.
- Dust with powdered sugar and a few raspberries, then drizzle with maple syrup. Serve immediately.

